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In the Claims

Please amend claims 78, 93, and 95 as follows.

A marked-up version of the amended claims, wherein the deleted material is in brackets and the inserted material is underlined, is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

-78. (Twice Amended) A composition which comprises:

a) a conjugate of i) a ganglioside derivative which comprises an unaltered oligosaccharide part and an altered ceramide portion comprising a sphingosine base, to ii) Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin or a derivative thereof comprising an ϵ -aminolysyl group;

b) a saponin derivable from the bark of a Quillaja saponaria Molina tree; and

c) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier;

the relative amounts of such conjugate and such saponin being effective to stimulate or enhance antibody production in a subject;

wherein the ganglioside derivative is a derivative of a ganglioside selected from the group consisting of GM2, GM3, GD2, GD3, GD3 lactone, O-acetyl GD3 and GT3;

wherein in the conjugate the ganglioside derivative is covalently bound to Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin or the derivative thereof through a C-4 carbon of the sphingosine base of the ceramide portion of the ganglioside derivative to the ϵ -aminolysyl group of Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin or the derivative

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thereof, wherein the C-4 carbon is present in a CH₂ group, and

wherein the derivative comprises Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin linked to an immunological adjuvant, a non-ionic block copolymer, or a cytokine.--

--93. (Twice Amended) A method of stimulating or enhancing antibody production in a subject which comprises administering to the subject an effective amount of a composition which comprises:

a) a conjugate of i) a ganglioside derivative which comprises an unaltered oligosaccharide part and an altered ceramide portion comprising a sphingosine base, to ii) Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin or a derivative thereof comprising an ε-aminolysyl group;

b) a saponin derivable from the bark of a Quillaja saponaria Molina tree; and

c) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier;

the relative amounts of such conjugate and such saponin being effective to stimulate or enhance antibody production in the subject;

wherein the ganglioside derivative is a derivative of a ganglioside selected from the group consisting of GM2, GM3, GD2, GD3, GD3 lactone, O-acetyl GD3 and GT3;

wherein in the conjugate the ganglioside derivative is covalently bound to Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin or the derivative thereof through a C-4 carbon of the sphingosine base of the ceramide portion of the ganglioside derivative to the ε-aminolysyl group of

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Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin or the derivative thereof, wherein the C-4 carbon is present in a CH₂ group so as to thereby stimulate or enhance antibody production in the subject, and wherein the derivative comprises Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin linked to an immunological adjuvant, a non-ionic block copolymer or a cytokine.--

--95. (Twice Amended) A method of treating a cancer in a subject which comprises administering to the subject an effective cancer treating amount of a composition which comprises:

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- a) a conjugate of i) a ganglioside derivative which comprises an unaltered oligosaccharide part and an altered ceramide portion comprising a sphingosine base, to ii) Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin or a derivative thereof comprising an ε-aminolysyl group;
 - b) a saponin derivable from the bark of a Quillaja saponaria Molina tree; and
 - c) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier;

the relative amounts of such conjugate and such saponin being effective to stimulate or enhance antibody production in the subject;

wherein the ganglioside derivative is a derivative of a ganglioside selected from the group consisting of GM2, GM3, GD2, GD3, GD3 lactone, O-acetyl GD3 and GT3;

wherein in the conjugate the ganglioside derivative is covalently bound to Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin or the derivative thereof through a C-4 carbon of the